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GUJARAT FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of Gujarat are not getting remunerative prices for their crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide package to the farmers of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are uniformly applicable throughout the country including Gujarat. MSP is in the nature of a minimum guaranteed price to the farmers for the produce in the event the market prices fall below that level. When the market prices tend to fall below the MSP, the designated agencies purchase the produce at the MSP. If the market offers higher price than MSP, the farmers are free to sell at that price.

(d) & (e): There is no such proposal.